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1. A CRATER IDENTIFIED ON PHOTOGRAPHY [REDACTED] AT 57-06N 061-45E, APPROXIMATELY 25 NAUTICAL MILES NORTHEAST OF SVERDLOVSK, USSR, IS A PROBABLE LOCATION FOR A 1-KILOTON SEISMIC DISTURBANCE RECORDED ON [REDACTED]. IT IS A PROBABLE CHEMICAL ROW CHARGE CRATER, APPROXIMATELY 312 METERS (1,024 FEET) LONG AND 22 METERS (72 FEET) WIDE, PROBABLY USED TO WIDEN A STREAMBED OR LENGTHEN A DRAINAGE CHANNEL. POSSIBLE THROWOUT FROM THE CRATER APPEARED TO BE PILED ON THE SIDES AND THE ENDS. ALTHOUGH THE CRATER WAS SNOW FREE, THE SURROUNDING AREA WAS SNOW COVERED, INDICATING THAT THE CRATER WAS OF RECENT ORIGIN. HAZE PARTIALLY OBSCURED THE EASTERN END OF THE CRATER. IT WAS NOT PRESENT ON PHOTOGRAPHY [REDACTED]

2. ANOTHER, LESS LIKELY, LOCATION FOR THE DISTURBANCE IS AT 56-48N 060-46E, APPROXIMATELY 16 NM SOUTHWEST OF THE RECORDED DISTURBANCE. AN EXCAVATION AT THIS LOCATION APPEARS TO HAVE RESULTED FROM BULLDOZING RATHER THAN AN EXPLOSION. THE EXCAVATION WAS OBSERVED AS GROUND SCARRING ON THE JULY 70 PHOTOGRAPHY.

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